in a terrorist attack. The Government has issued no statement. How many more people shall die before the Minister of Home Affairs resigns. Mayhem is there and innocent people are being killed. I demand Home Minister's resignation. After all, how long this Government will indulge in such helpless cry. When would the Government issue a statement. What is the Government doing...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Raghuvansh Prasad Singhji, please sit. We are on the next item.

14.16 hrs.

SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND PENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Salary Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, I introduce** the Bill.

14.16½ hrs.

CABLE TELEVISION NETWORKS (REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL*

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that "That leave be granted to introduce a bill further to amend the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995."

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** Introduced with the recommendation of the President.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995."

The motion was adopted.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I introduce this bill too.

It is my submission that this bill meant for consumer protection should be presented without being referred to the Standing Committee.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: If the House agrees, the request made by the Minister may be accepted.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Mr. Speaker, Sir, a news has come that 53 persons have been killed in Jammu by terrorists. We want a statement from the Government on this matter...*(Interruptions)* The Home Minister should make a statement on this matter...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, we are going to the next item now. Please take your seat.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Now we take up Maters under Rule 377.

14.17 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need for early conversion of metre gauge rail line between Swaroopsar and Sriganganagar in Rajasthan into broad Gauge

[Translation]

SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHOUHAN (Sriganganagar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I represent Sriganganagar a desert area in